2 Million Housing Programme : Housing Finance Public Sector Banks Data*

Aggregate Housing Finance Disbursed by Public Sector Banks

(Rs. in Crore)

No. of Banks	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001 (as on 31.12.2000)	
	Units	Amount	Units	Amount	Units	Amount
27	60633	3924.25	128080	5603.04	99894	3483.08

* State-wise data not available.

2 Million Housing Programme : Housing Finance Companies Data*

(Rs. in Crore)

	Disbursements					
Housing Finance Companies	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001 (as on 13.3.2001)	
	Units	Amount	Units	Amount	Units	Amount
29	185817	5544.72	182424	4382.93	164212	3967.29

*State-wise data not available.

Coverage for remote areas of the country by Doordarshan

*332. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prasar Bharati has formulated cost-effective strategies to extend Doordarshan coverage to the remote and sparsely populated regions of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps mooted by the Prasar Bharati to exploit advantages of

terrestrial broadcasting and use of local studio and programming personnel?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Doordarshan programmes are already available all over the country in satellite mode, and can be received using appropriate dish antenna systems or through cable networks. Terrestrial relay of Doordarshan currently covers about 88.9% of the country's population. In order to spread the terrestrial coverage to more areas, including the remote and sparsely populated areas of the country, Doordarshan is currently setting up 185 transmitters. A number of factors, such as area/ population to be covered, costs involved, technological requirements, infrastructure facilities etc., are taken into consideration at the time of deciding upon the location and power of a transmitter. With the commissioning of projects presently under implementation, the population coverage is expected to go up to 91.3%.

(c) Doordarshan is taking full advantage of the terrestrial network for broadcasting. Local studios are also utilised to produce programmes. In the Regional Kendras, a large portion of allotted time is devoted to in-house programmes, which are produced with local participation.

Uniform National Building Code

*333. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in several towns and cities multi-storeyed apartments are built without following norms of proper structural designs and standard material;

(b) if so, whether does it not endanger public safety; and

(c) whether Government contemplate of enforcing Uniform National Building Code to ensure safety of structures?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) No survey has so far been made to assess whether the buildings have